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Docket No.: 330440-100038

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

KOHR, William J.

**Serial No.: 10/720,555**

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**For: METHOD FOR RECOVERING  
METAL VALUES FROM  
CONCENTRATES OF SULFIDE  
MINERALS**

) Confirmation No.: 4384

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) Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Andrews Melvyn J

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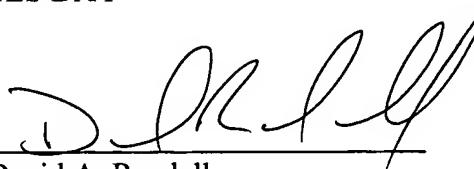
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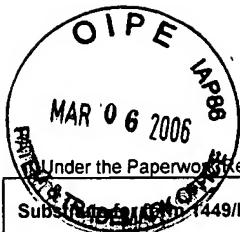
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